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Peel two or three cucumbers, cut them in quarters, remove the seeds and slice coarsely. Parboil in salted water and drain. Put in a saucepan with two tablespoonfuls of butter and one large sliced onion; let all cook together for half an hour. Season well with sugar, salt, pepper and celery salt. Melt in another saucepan two tablespoonfuls of butter; stir in one tablespoonful of flour; cook it without browning, add the cooked cucumber, one quart of the white stock, boil up, skim, add one pint of boiling milk.

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Cook slowly for 20 minutes, then ub through a fine sieve gill of cream with two yolks of eggs well together, pour into the puree, return to heat but do not allow to boil, pour into the soup tureen and serve with croutens.

Apricot Tartlets.

A novel way of preparing apricot tartlets is to line six tartlet molds with pastry, fill them with dried bread crumbs and bake them. When nicely browned remove the crumbs and on the bottom of each tartlet place a good-sized teaspoonful of apple marmalade. Use a can of apricots, cut in thin slices, to fill up the tartlet shells. Top each with a teaspoonful of powdered sugar. Bake 16 minutes in a moderate oven. Remove from the oven and let them become cold; then decorate the top of each with a teaspoonful of currant jelly, when they are ready to serve. A tiny circle of whipped cream around the currant jelly improves both the flavor and the appearance.

Kensington Cream.

One-half box of gelatin, soaked an hour in one-half pint of milk. Put a pint of milk in a double boiler with four tablespoonfuls of sugar and beaten yolks of four eggs. When boiling add gelatin and milk. Take from and the beaten whites of the four eggs; turn into a mold. Serve with maraschino cherries and whipped cream. Preserved cherries and berries may be used instead.

Stag Parties.

In planning a stag party for husband, brother or son remember that men prefer plain, substantial food rather than fancy salads, ices and cakes. A beefsteak supper is always appropriate, or, if the supper is to be given after cards or the theater, creamed oysters on toast, club sandwiches, Scotch woodcock or any of the simpler dishes is more acceptable to the masculine palate than the usual supper party menu.

To Remove Grease.

One often spoils a painted wall back of a gas stove range trying to keep the grease off of it. If this is used you require no soap or heat. Take the cheapest vinegar you can find and with a large sponge you can remove grease, smoke and any dirt off of the mineral water is a pure kind, use walls and woodwork, and make it look distilled water, which is always pure, like new with a little labor.

THINGS GOOD TO REMEMBER. Soda Crackers with Raisins and Al-

Dip any of the crisp soda crackers in milk, but do not permit them to become too sodden. Brush with beaten egg, sprinkle with sugar and spread upon a platter, on which there is room enough to lie singly. Put in the oven, let them brown slightly, and sprinkle with minced raisins and almonds. Lay two or three together and serve with whipped cream.

monds-Onion in Gravy.

All white meats gain in flavor from onion admixture with the gravy. The nion is to be grated and put over the meat before it has just finished roasting and then blended by basting. In this way one avoids the burnt onion slices, which sometimes result from other methods, and which have, in a way, caused the addition of onion to be regarded with disfavor.

The bits of tongue and ham which do not look well upon the table should be saved and chopped up together for meat pies. Spinach prepared with a butter sauce is mixed with the fragments just before they are put into the chopper. A little tomato ketchup is an improvement. The thickening should be either grated bread or cracker crumbs. The usual pie crust is best, with a little niggardliness in the matter of shortening.

An old carpet dyed often looks as good as new. If, therefore you have a carpet which is badly faded, but otherwise in good repair, send it to be dyed, and if you choose a nice color you will be delighted when you get it back again.

When Shoes Get Wet.

All shoes are ruined if wet too often, and poor shoes suffer most of all. If the shoes have been thoroughstove, pour in a teaspoonful of vanilla by wet don't try to dry them quickly. After removing them rub them with plain lard or vaseline and let them stand in a cool place until thoroughly dry, when they will have regained much of the original oil of the leather.

Effective Savery.

A delicious savory can be made by pounding together the yolks of hardboiled eggs and sardines freed from bone (equal quantities) and lemon juice and salt to taste. Fill the whites with the mixture, stand on fried croutons of bread, put a tiny bit of whipped cream on top, and serve garnished with parsley.

Frizzled Beef.

Shave beef very fine, put into a frying pan when good and hot, season with pepper and salt just before serving. Beat two or three eggs light and stir in and you have an appetizing dish easily prepared for tea. Cold ham

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Aberdeen Linen Suitable in Many Respects-Directions for Preparing Stencil Pattern of the Design Best Liked.

The small side windows where one does not wish to hang lace curtains should be covered with soft-shaded pattern. A very good material for this purpose is Aberdeen linen. It sells for about 90 cents a yard. Where diamond-shaped windows are to be decorated this material is well suited. Of course one can use the soft silks and a stencil pattern on soft linen colored silk is very handsome.

In preparing a stencil pattern if you cannot afford a metal stencil, then get a good grade of manila paper and draw the design you wish on it. Flowers with hanging heads are very pretty and the way to get a perfect outline is to place a piece of carbon paper black side on the manila paper. Lay on this the pattern you wish and pin firmly in place. Outline with a very sharp lead pencil. This leaves a perfect outline on the manila paper. It is best to coat the cut-out paper with paraffin, which can be done by sprinkling small pieces of shaved paraffin over the pattern and running a hot iron over it. But a better way would be to get a soft brush, dip into the melted wax, and paint both sides of the pattern. This coating saves the sides of the pattern by preventing the moisture from ruining the edges of the openwork. Cut out the pattern with a very sharp knife on the manila paper, and if you make a wrong move there is nothing to do but make a new pattern. The brush must never be wet when applied to the material or the moisture and color will extend beyond the outlines and ruin the effect. A good color to use on linen-colored silk is dull green or brick red, with a touch of black, but a beginner should try using only a solid color for the first work. Get brushes Nos. 6 and 8 for the work. They are flat and made for the purpose. A round-end brush will be helpful in filling in the work and following edge lines.

Horseradish Sauce.

Melt one tablespoonful of butter in a small saucepan, blend in one tablespoonful of flour, one pint of seasoned chicken or yeal stock, three-fourths of a cupful of cream, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of made mustard, and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Boil five minutes, draw to a cool part of the range, and add the beaten yolks of two eggs, stirring very carefully while putting them in. Heat again almost to boiling point and then add three-fourths of a cupful of grated horse radish. Mix well, simmer two or three minutes, and pour over the meats. Serve while hot.

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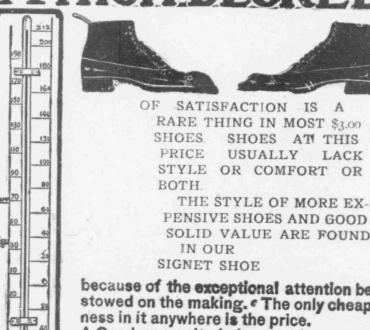
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